
Optimization Challenges in Energy Systems

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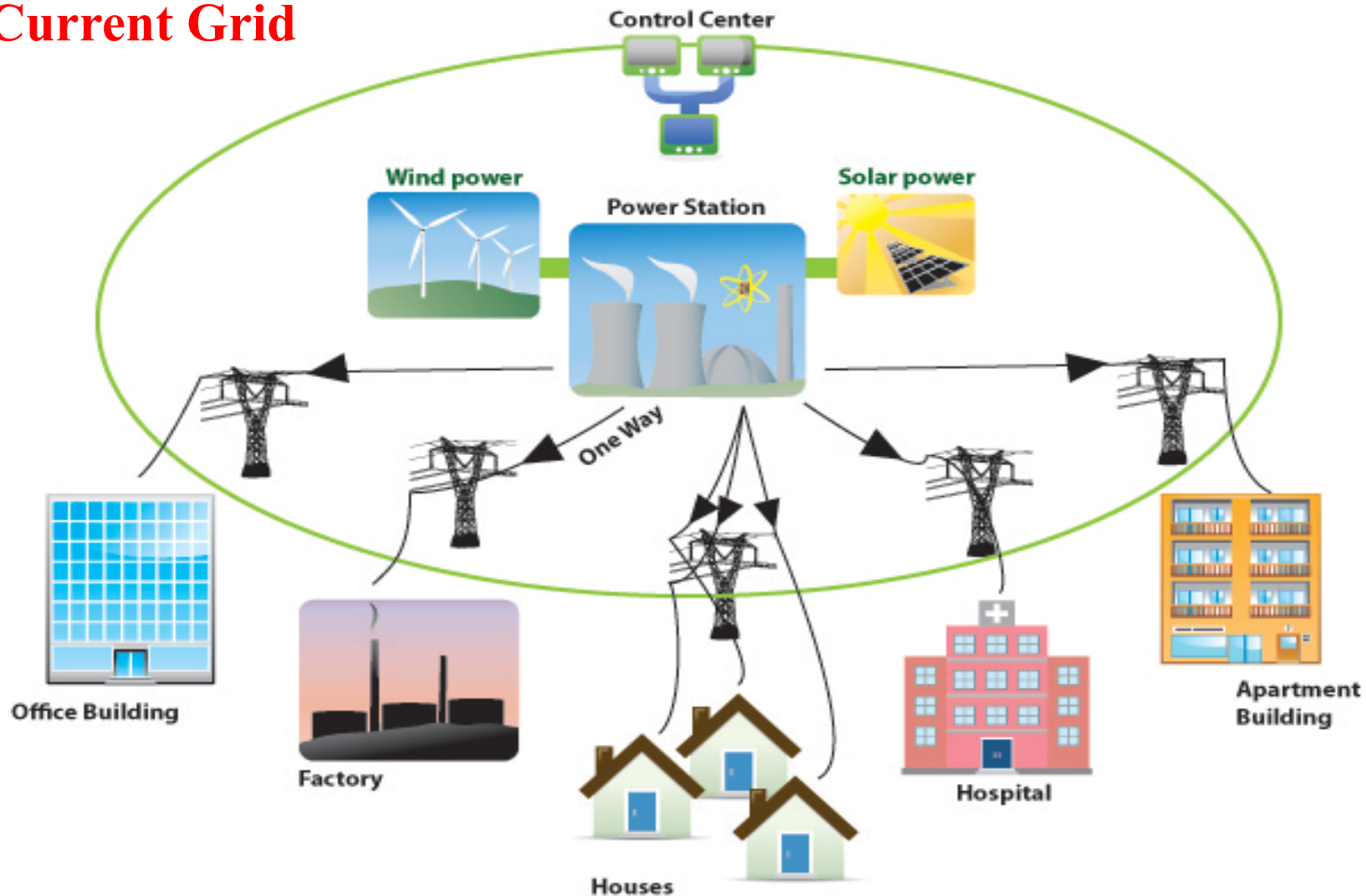
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Motivation

Current Grid



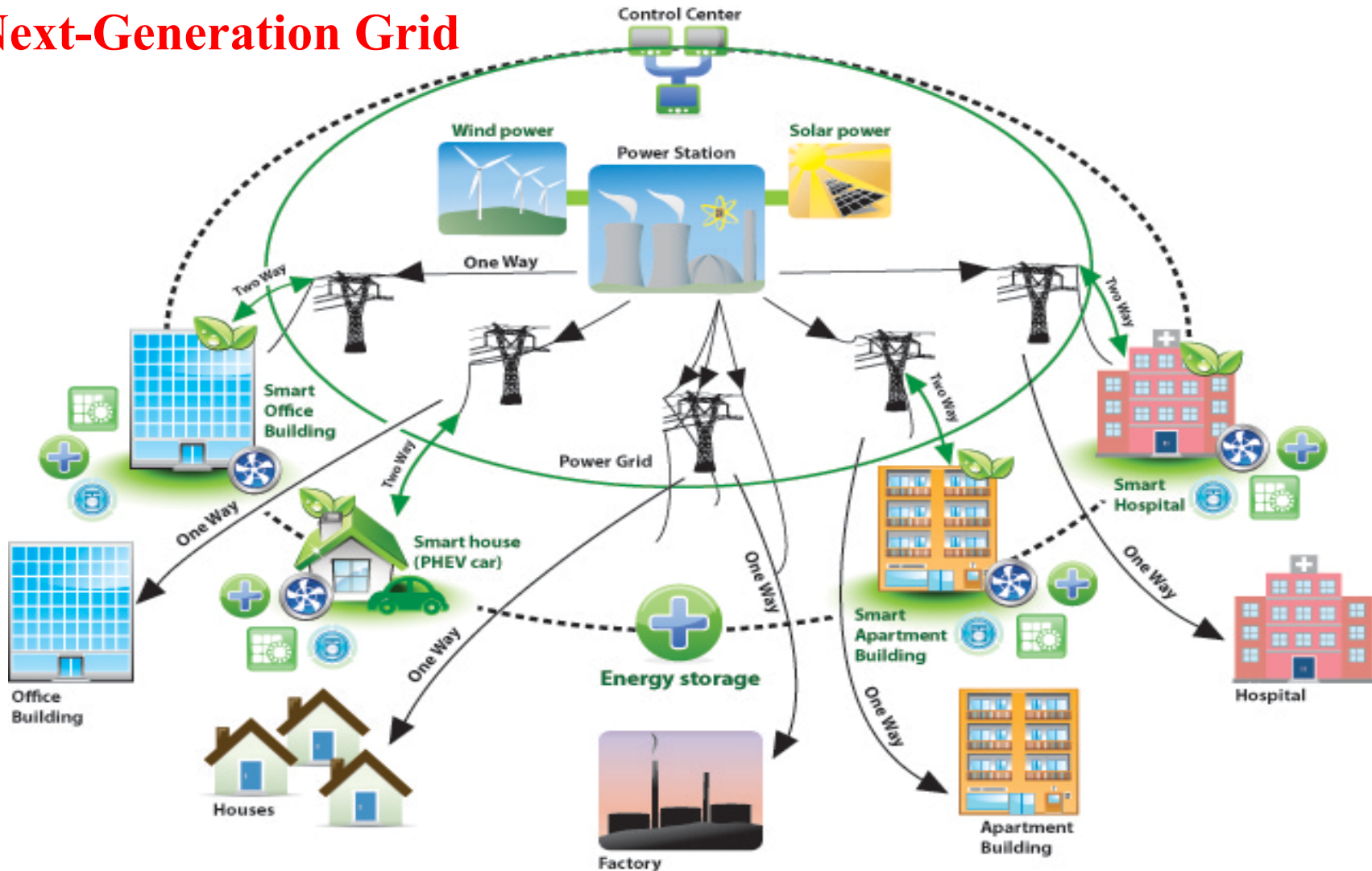
~ 70% Electricity from Coal – CO₂ Emissions

Limited Market Control – Demands are Inelastic, No Storage

~ 20% Energy Losses - Transmission, Demand Shedding, and Wind Curtailment

Motivation

Next-Generation Grid

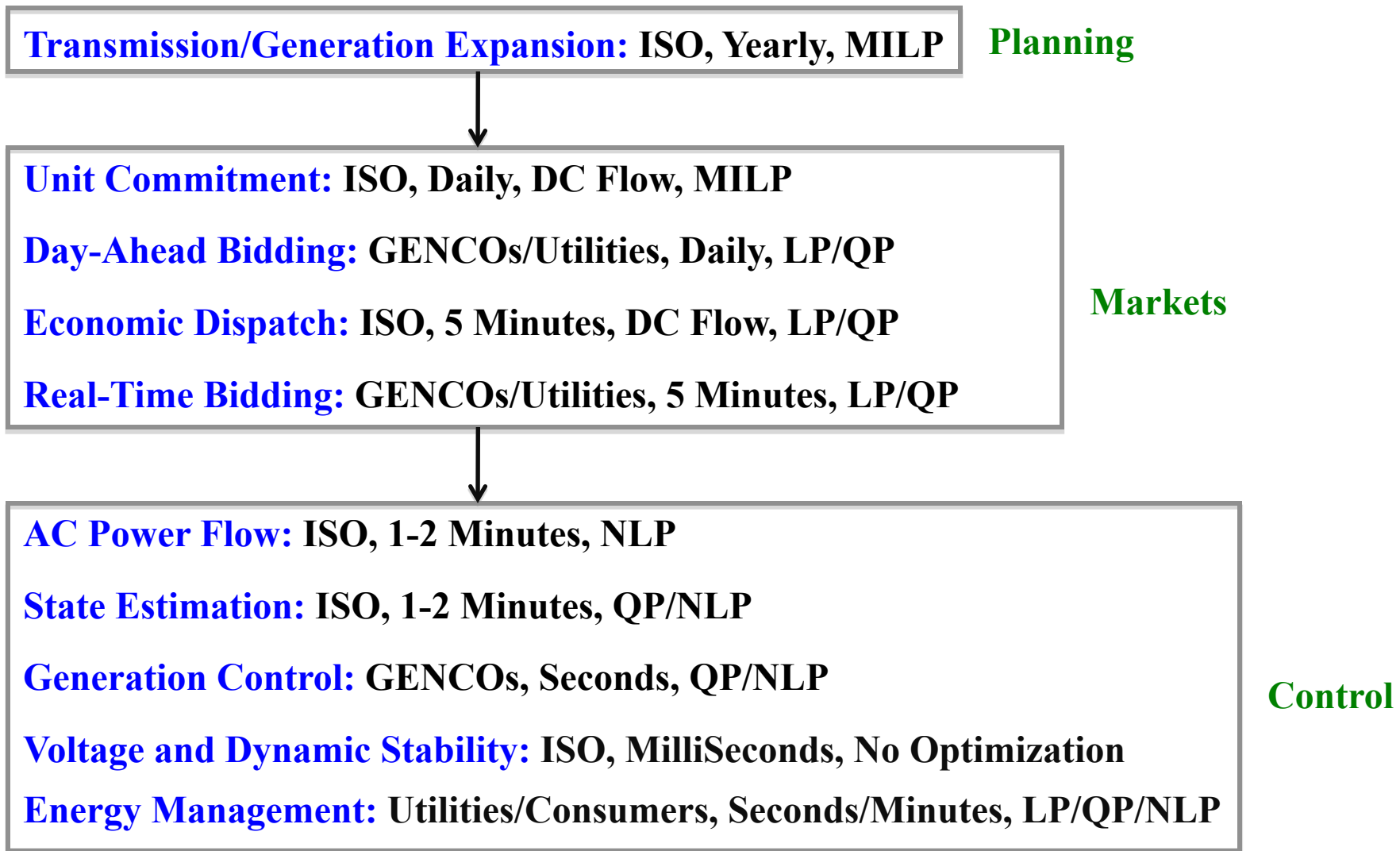


Major Adoption of Renewables -30%-

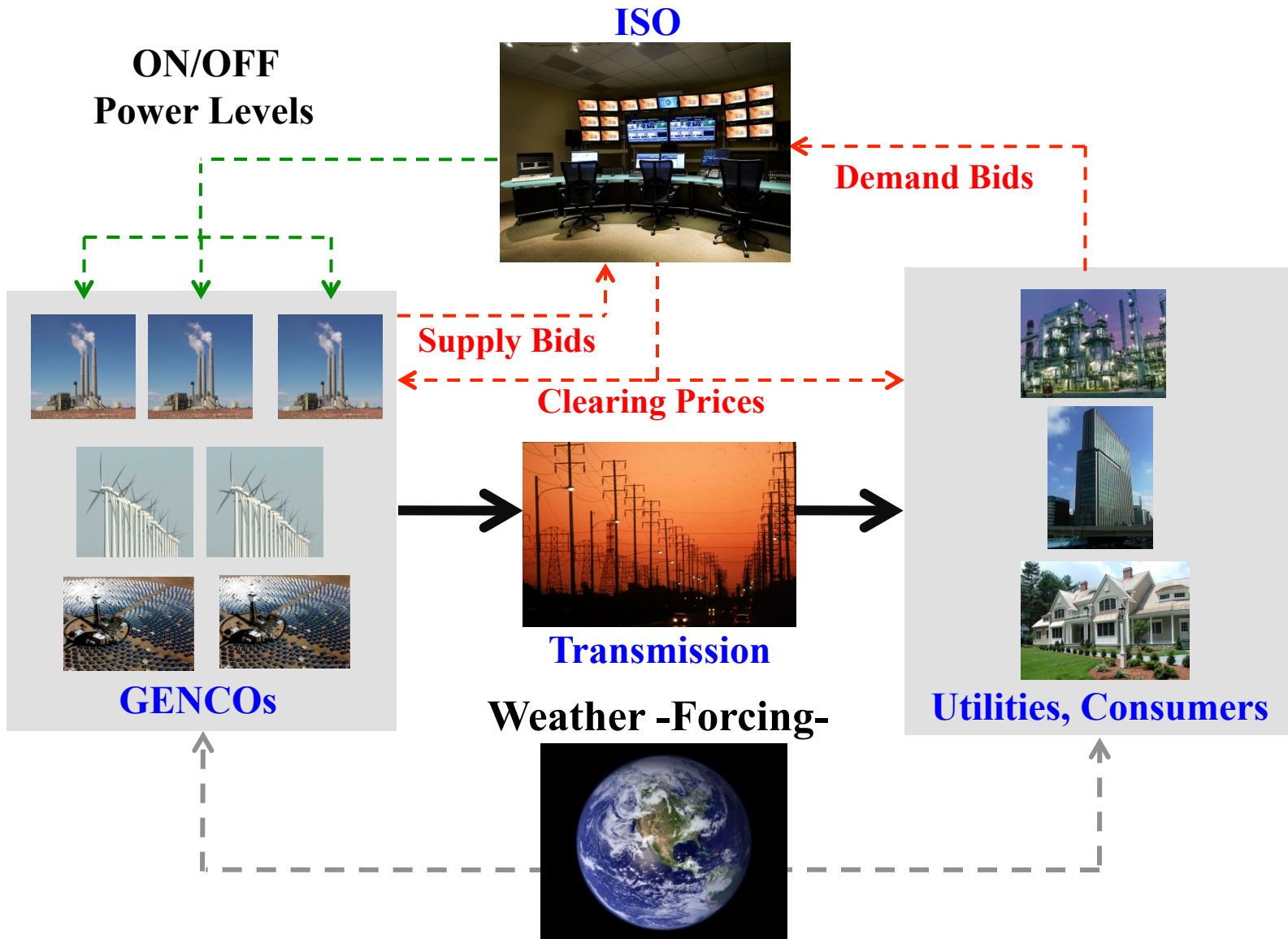
Elastic Demands, Distributed Generation and Storage, Real-Time Pricing
All Players use Optimization – How to Coordinate Time-Scales?

Motivation

Decision Making Structure and Optimization Tasks



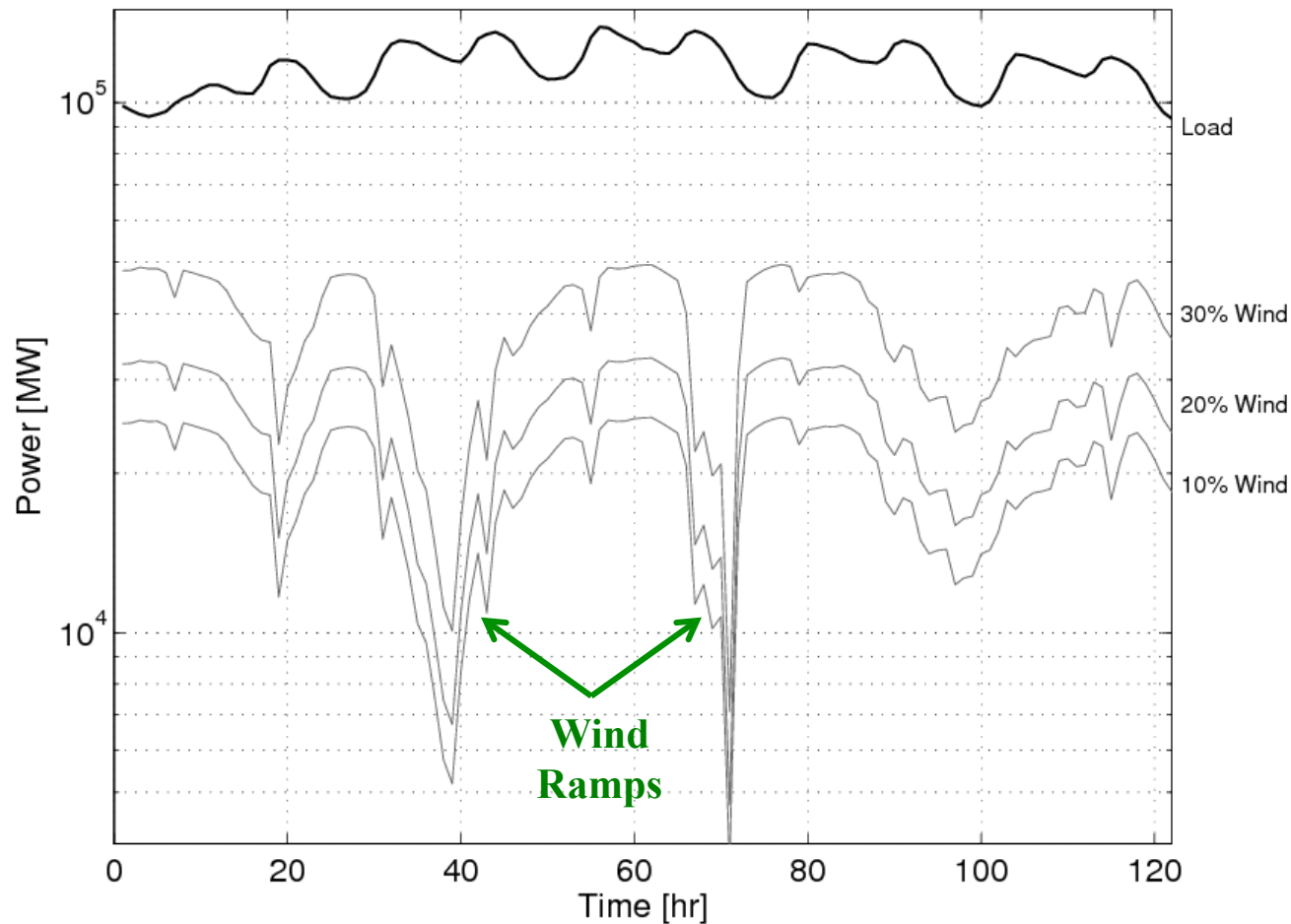
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Dynamic & Uncertain Forcing Factors -Weather- Drive Markets

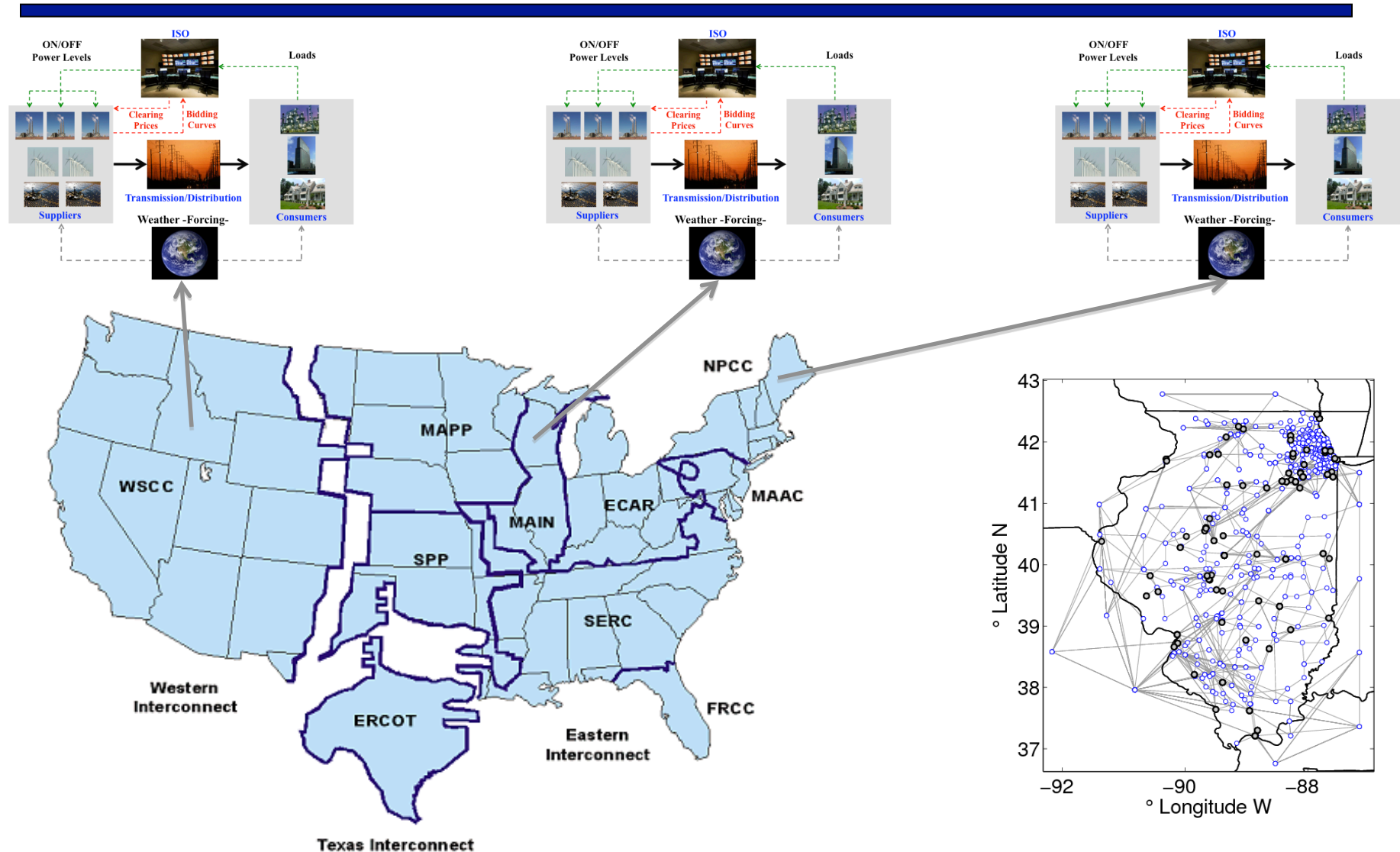
Motivation

Supply (Wind) and Elastic Demands Vary at Higher Frequencies



Anticipating Forcing Factors is Critical -Minimize Reserves-
Longer Foresight Horizons and Faster Updates Needed

Motivation



Interconnect Level Transactions - Key for High Efficiency and Lower Prices
 - Hydro, Wind, Geothermal, Solar, Eastern Demands
Transmission Network Expansion - Need Infrastructure to Enable Exchanges

2. Optimization Issues

A Canonical Model

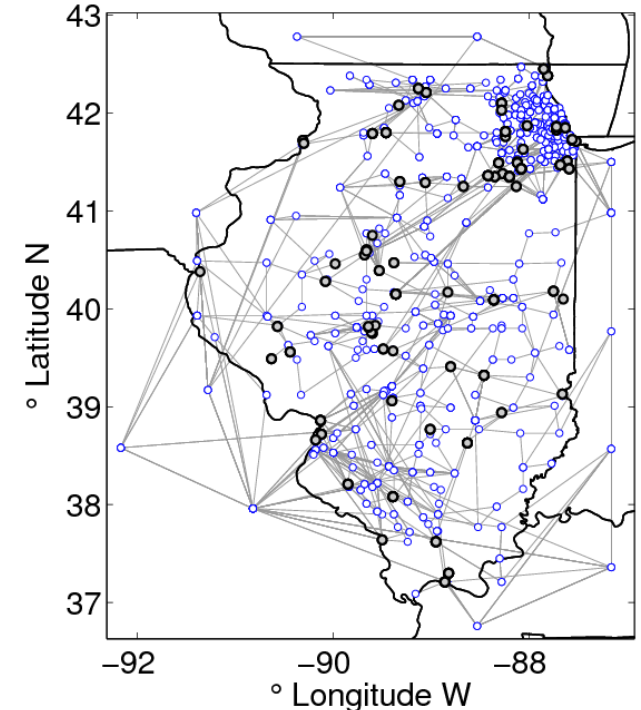
Transmission/Generation Expansion

Horizons of 10 to 20yr – MILP with $O(10^4)$ Integers & $O(10^8)$ Continuous – Memory Constraints

Day-Ahead and Real-Time Market Clearing

Horizons of 1 to 36hr – MILP with $O(10^3)$ Integers & $O(10^6)$ Continuous – Time Constraints

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min \quad & \sum_{k \in \mathcal{T}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{G}} c_j \cdot G_{k,j} \cdot \mathbf{y}_{k,j}^G + c_j^{\uparrow} \cdot (\mathbf{y}_{k+1,j}^G - \mathbf{y}_{k,j}^G) + c_j^{\downarrow} \cdot (\mathbf{y}_{k,j}^G - \mathbf{y}_{k+1,j}^G) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{L}} c_j^L \cdot (\mathbf{y}_{k+1,j}^L - \mathbf{y}_{k,j}^L) \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & G_{k+1,j} = G_{k,j} + \Delta G_{k,j}, \quad k \in \mathcal{T}, j \in \mathcal{G} \quad \text{Dynamics -Ramps-} \\
 & \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{L}_j} P_{k,i,j} + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{G}_j} G_{k,i} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}_j} D_{k,i}, \quad k \in \mathcal{T}, j \in \mathcal{B} \\
 & |P_{k,i,j} - b_{i,j}(\theta_{k,i} - \theta_{k,j})| \leq M_{i,j} \cdot \mathbf{y}_{k,i,j}^L, \quad k \in \mathcal{T}, (i,j) \in \mathcal{L} \quad \text{Network} \\
 & 0 \leq G_{k,j} \leq G_j^{\max} \cdot \mathbf{y}_{k,j}^G, \quad k \in \mathcal{T}, j \in \mathcal{G} \\
 & |\Delta G_{k,j}| \leq \Delta G_j^{\max} \cdot \mathbf{y}_{k,j}^G, \quad k \in \mathcal{T}, j \in \mathcal{G} \\
 & |P_{k,i,j}| \leq P_{i,j}^{\max} \cdot \mathbf{y}_{k,i,j}^L, \quad k \in \mathcal{T}, (i,j) \in \mathcal{L} \\
 & |\theta_{k,j}| \leq \theta_j^{\max}, \quad k \in \mathcal{T}, j \in \mathcal{B} \\
 & \sum_{\ell=k}^{k+UT-1} \mathbf{y}_{\ell,j}^G \geq UT (\mathbf{y}_{k+1,j}^G - \mathbf{y}_{k,j}^G), \quad k \in \mathcal{T}, j \in \mathcal{G} \\
 & \sum_{\ell=k}^{k+DT-1} (1 - \mathbf{y}_{\ell,j}^G) \geq DT (\mathbf{y}_{k,j}^G - \mathbf{y}_{k+1,j}^G), \quad k \in \mathcal{T}, j \in \mathcal{G}
 \end{aligned}$$



Key Extensions: Stochastic, AC Power Flow (MINLP), Gaming, Contingency

Economic Dispatch

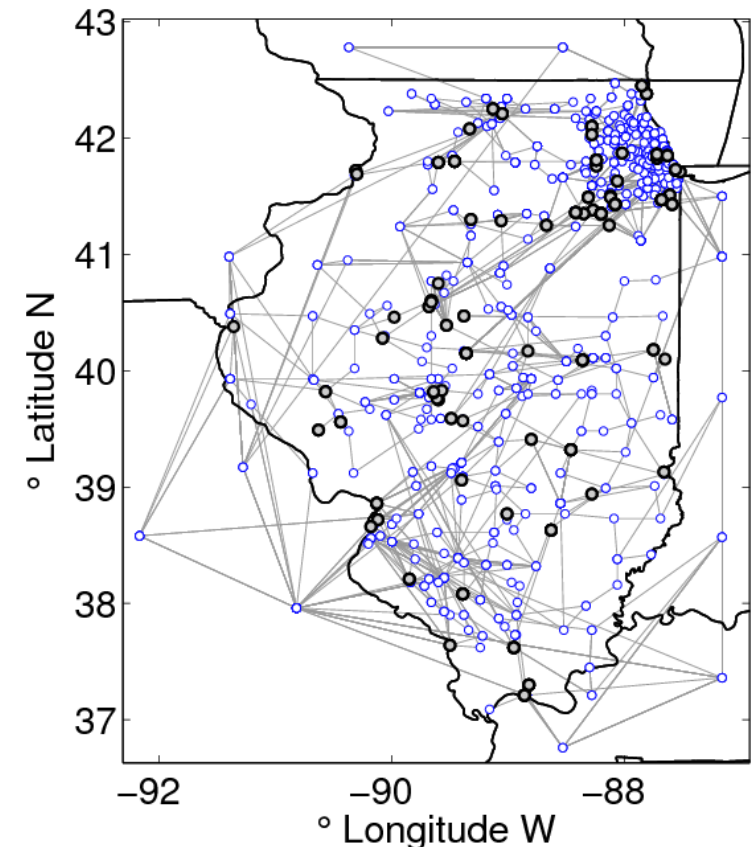
Real-Time Market Clearing

Sets Locational Marginal Prices (LMPs) in Interconnect

Solved Every 5 Minutes, 15 Minutes Foresight

Large-Scale LP/QP - $O(10^5-10^6)$ Continuous, Core of Unit Commitment

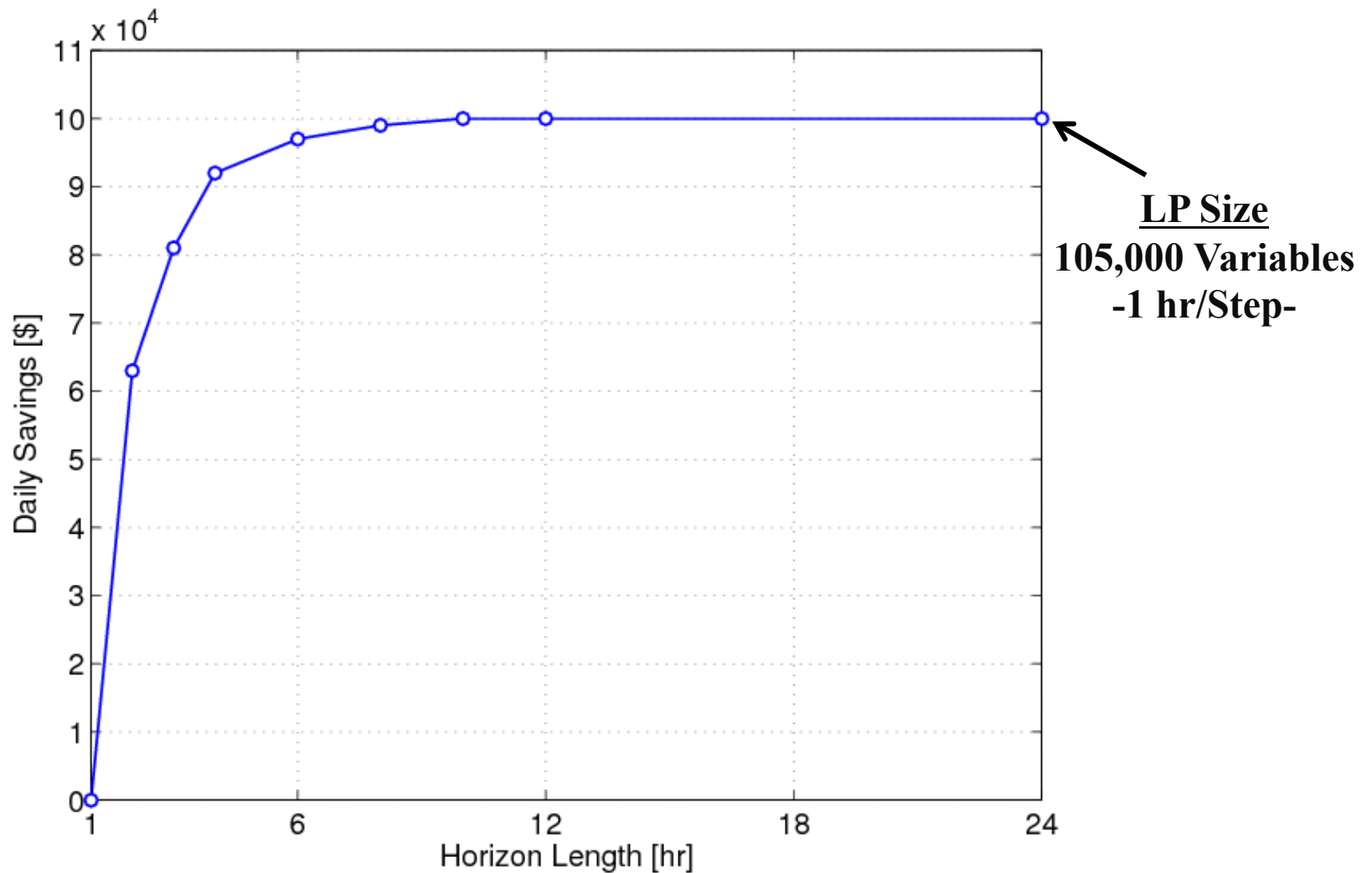
$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{k=\ell}^{\ell+N} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{G}} c_j \cdot G_{k,j} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & G_{k+1,j} = G_{k,j} + \Delta G_{k,j}, \quad k \in \mathcal{T}, j \in \mathcal{G} \\ & \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{L}_j} P_{k,i,j} + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{G}_j} G_{k,i} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}_j} D_{k,i}, \quad k \in \mathcal{T}, j \in \mathcal{B} \\ & P_{k,i,j} = b_{i,j}(\theta_{k,i} - \theta_{k,j}), \quad k \in \mathcal{T}, (i,j) \in \mathcal{L} \\ & 0 \leq G_{k,j} \leq G_j^{max}, \quad k \in \mathcal{T}, j \in \mathcal{G} \\ & 0 \leq \Delta G_{k,j} \leq \Delta G_j^{max}, \quad k \in \mathcal{T}, j \in \mathcal{G} \\ & |P_{k,i,j}| \leq P_{i,j}^{max}, \quad k \in \mathcal{T}, (i,j) \in \mathcal{L} \\ & |\theta_{k,j}| \leq \theta_j^{max}, \quad k \in \mathcal{T}, j \in \mathcal{B} \end{aligned}$$



Benchmark System –Illinois- 1900 Buses, 2538 Lines, 870 Loads, and 261 Generators
Daily Generation Cost $\sim \$O(10^8)$

Economic Dispatch

Effect of Foresight on Costs



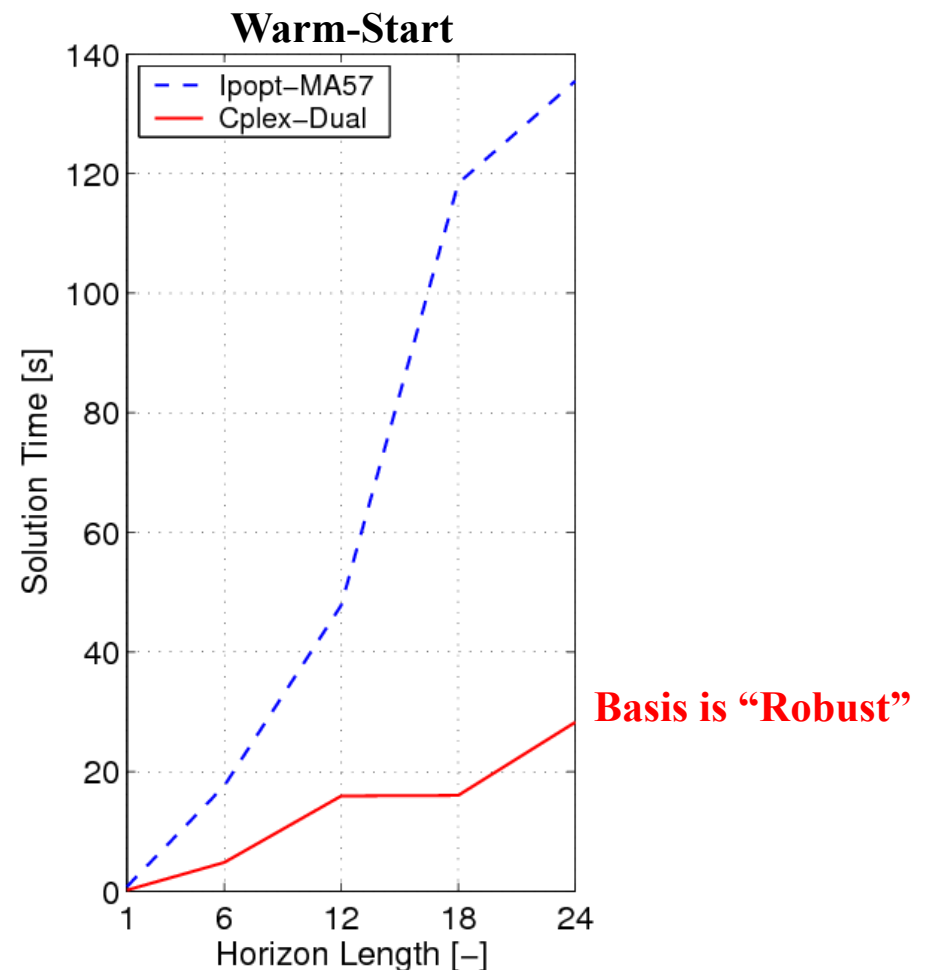
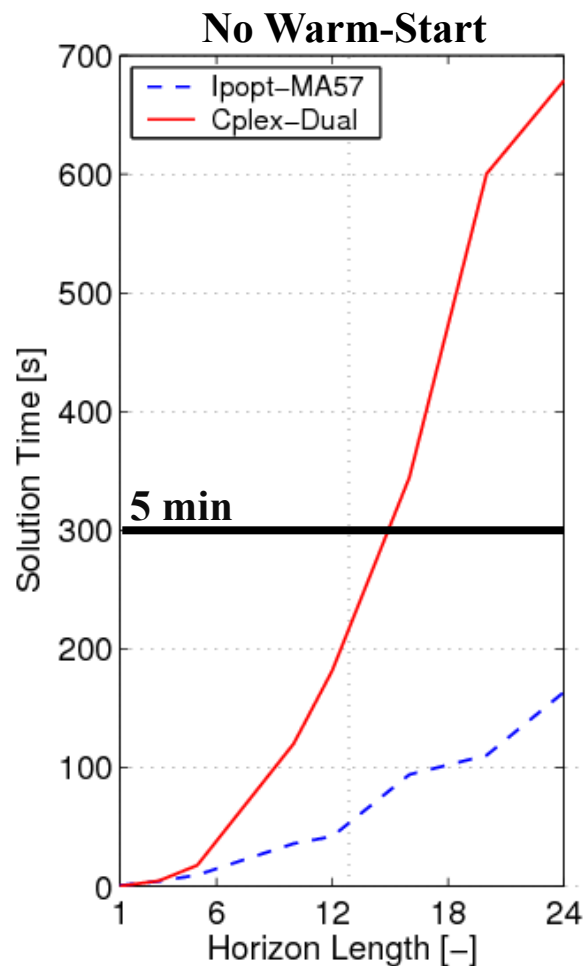
Potential Savings of $\$O(10^8)/\text{Yr}$ – Increase with Wind/Demand Variability

Savings Constrained by Time Resolution -Desired 5 min-

Economic Dispatch

Computational Performance – Linear Algebra and Warm-Starts

IPOPT- Symmetric KKT Matrix (MA57) vs. Cplex-Simplex – Basis Factorization/Updates

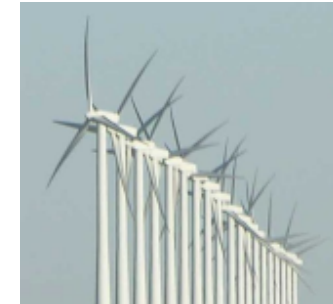
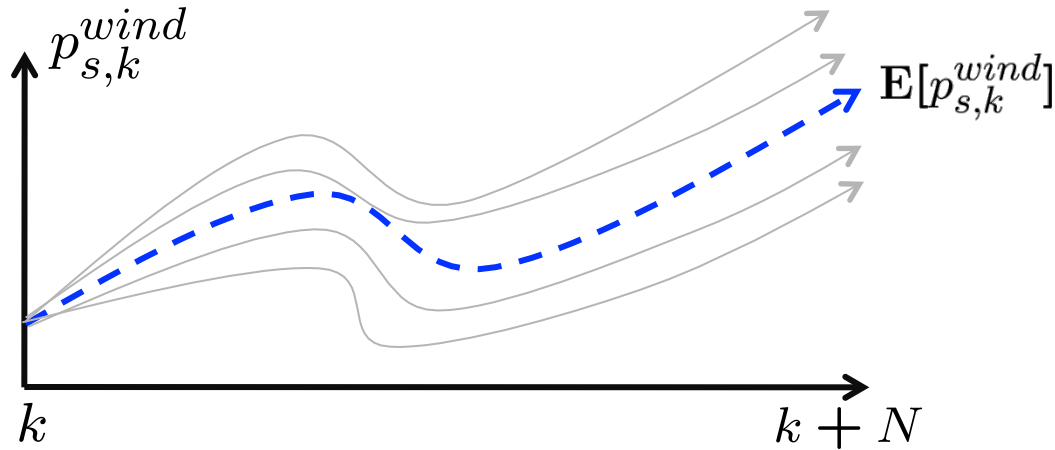


Warm-Start Strategy - Construct Basis for Simplex -In Advance, With Forecast-

Largest Problem Solvable in 5 Minutes - 20 Hr Foresight, 240 Steps, 5 Min/Step, 1x10⁶ Variables

Stochastic Economic Dispatch

Uncertainty Handled Through Reserves -Currently 10% of Demand-Conservative & Expensive
 Stochastic Optimization Can Make Reserves Adaptive - e.g., Day-Night Wind/Demands



1st Stage **2nd Stage**
Current Demands and Wind Future Demands and Wind

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min \quad f(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S g_s(y_s) \\
 & s.t. \quad \begin{array}{llll}
 A_0 \mathbf{x} & + B_0 y_0 & & = b_0 \\
 A_1 \mathbf{x} & & + B_1 y_1 & = b_1 \\
 A_2 \mathbf{x} & & & + B_2 y_2 & = b_2 \\
 \vdots & & & & \vdots \\
 A_S \mathbf{x} & & & + B_S y_S & = b_S
 \end{array} \\
 & \mathbf{x}, y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_S \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Main Bottlenecks : Number of 1st Stage Variables, Scenarios, Block Size

Stochastic Economic Dispatch

PIPS, IPOPT, OOPS:

Barrier, Coarse Linear Algebra Decomposition, Distributed Memory

PIPS: OOQP *Gertz & Wright*, Schur Complement-Based, Dynamic Load Balancing

- **Bottlenecks and Latency of Forming and Factorizing Schur Complement Avoided with Iterative Solver and**

Stochastic Preconditioner *Petra & Animescu, 2010a*

- **Problem with $O(10^7)$ Variables (No Network) - 600**

Times Faster Than Serial on 1,000 cores

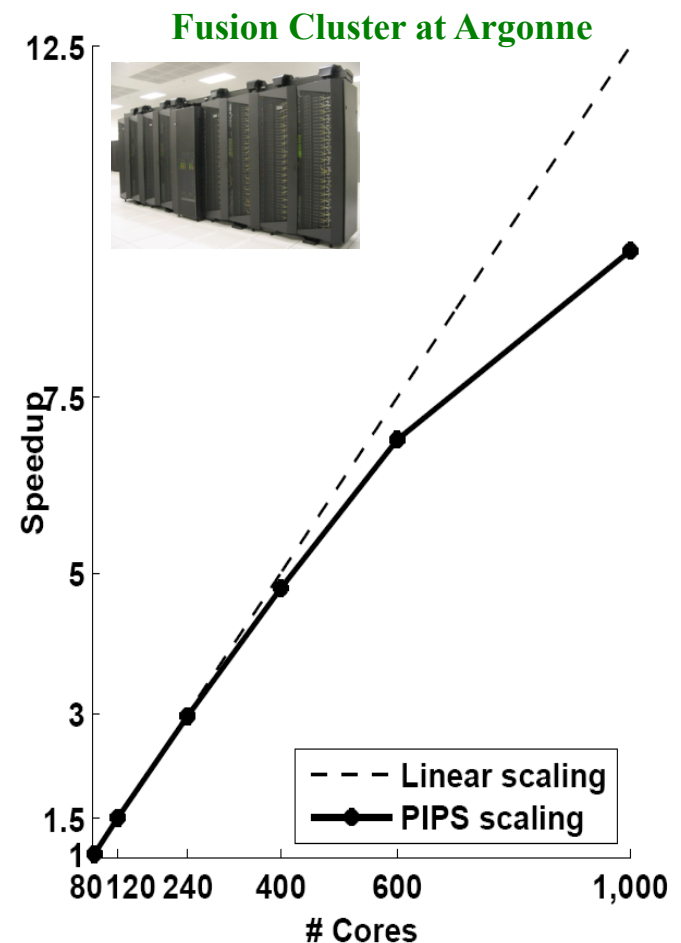
- **Strong Scaling on 2,000 cores with $O(10^8)$ Total Variables and $O(10^5)$ First-Stage Variables**

ScaLAPACK *Petra & Animescu, 2010b*

- **However, Speed-ups not Enough for Use in MILP**

- **Key Questions:**

- Fine-Grained Parallelism—Network, Multi-Core, BlueGene-
- Is Probability Distribution Correct?
- What if Scenario Generation is Expensive?



Uncertainty Quantification

Major Advances in Meteorological Models (WRF)

Highly Detailed Phenomena - PDEs

High Complexity 4-D Fields (10^6 - 10^8 State Variables)

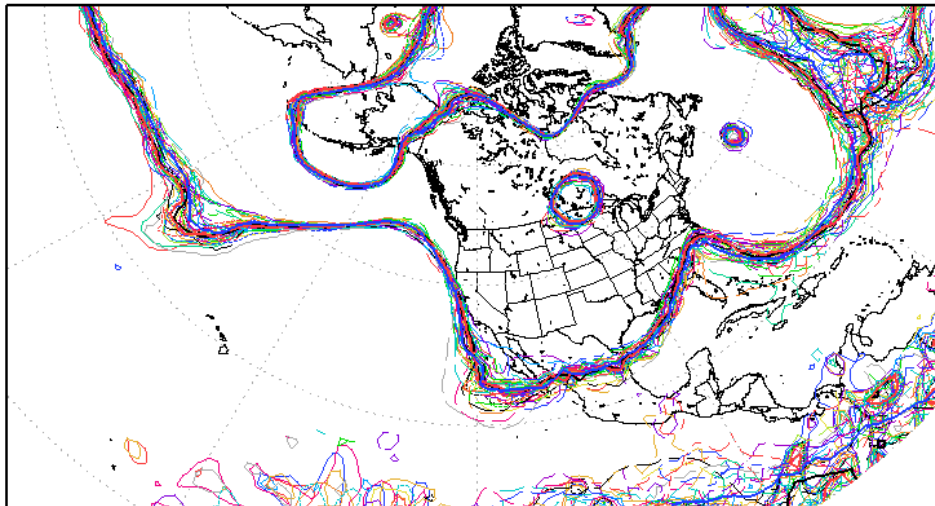


Model Reconciled to Measurements From Meteo Stations

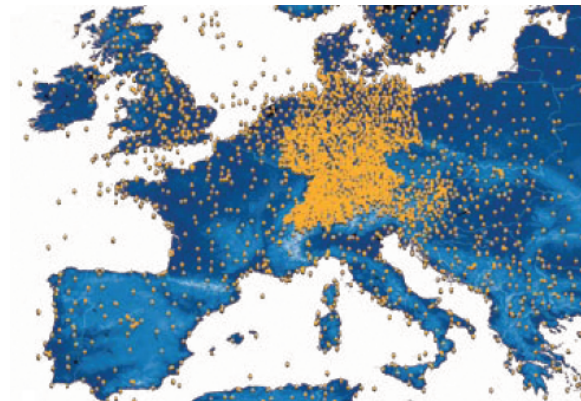
Data Assimilation Every 6-12 hours:

Optimization Based : 3-D Var *Courtier, et.al. 1998*, **4-D Var** *Navon et.al., 2007*

Simulation Based : Ensemble Kalman Filter *Eversen, et.al. 1998*



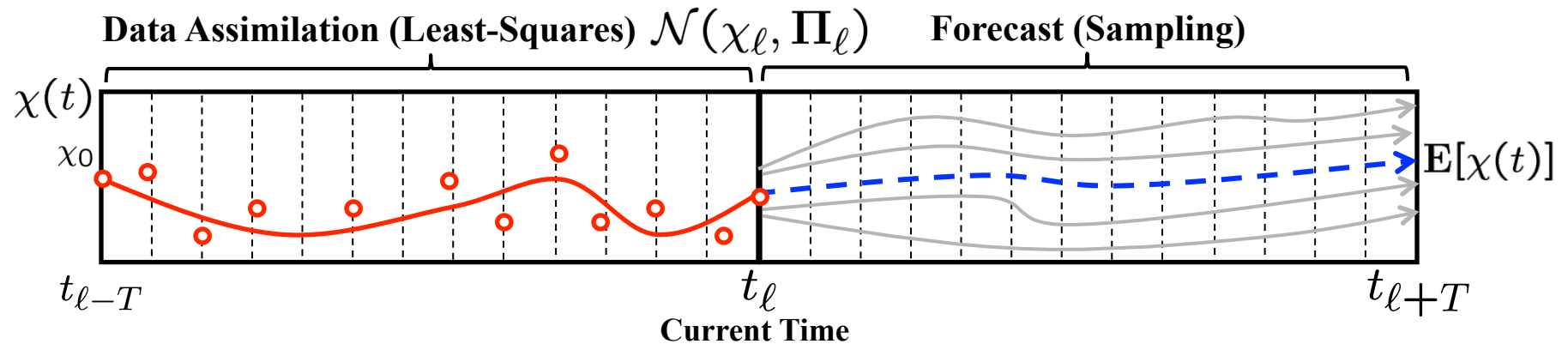
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Is WRF Computationally Practical Enough for Market Operations?

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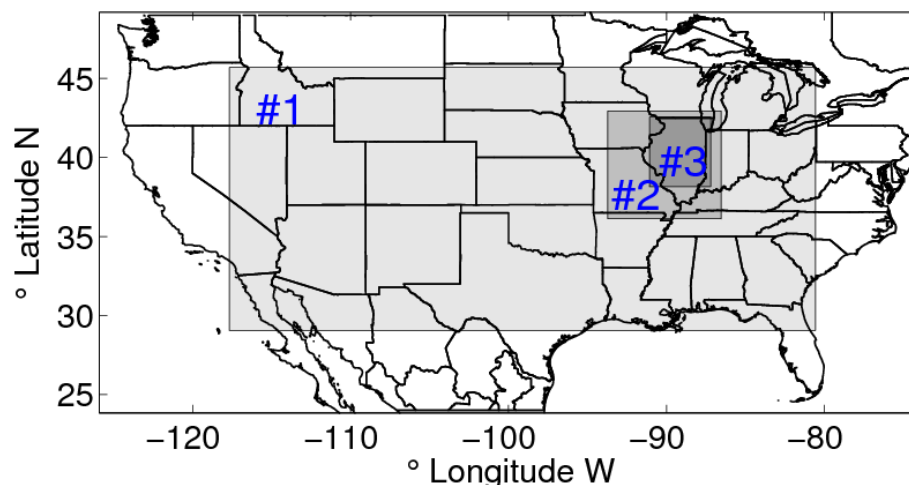


Forming Covariance Matrix is Impractical -Size of State Space- Constantinescu, et.al. 2009

- 1) Use Only Most Relevant States (Adjoint Analysis)
- 2) Propagate Samples through WRF Model

Making WRF Computationally Feasible

Grid-Targeted Resolutions and Computational Resources



| ID | Size | Grid |
|----|-----------|--------------------|
| #1 | 130 × 60 | 32 km ² |
| #2 | 126 × 121 | 6 km ² |
| #3 | 202 × 232 | 2 km ² |

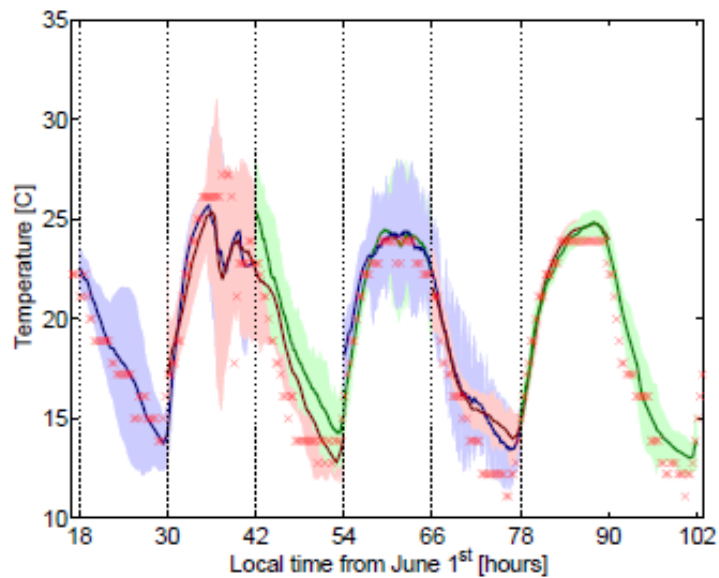
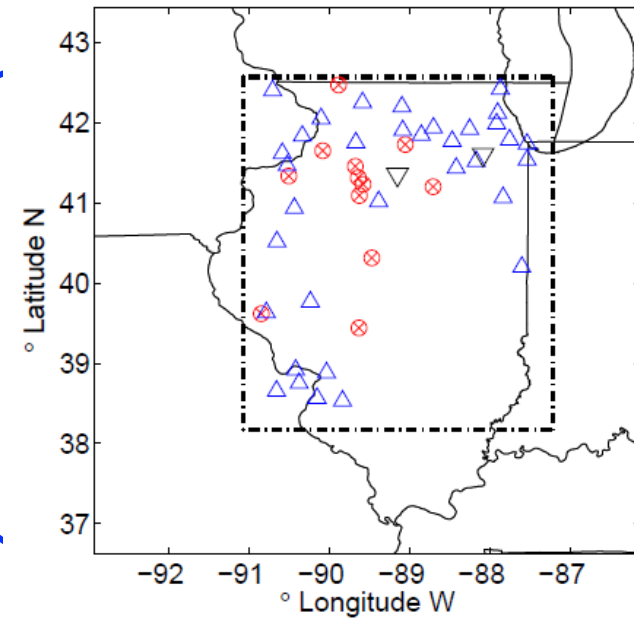
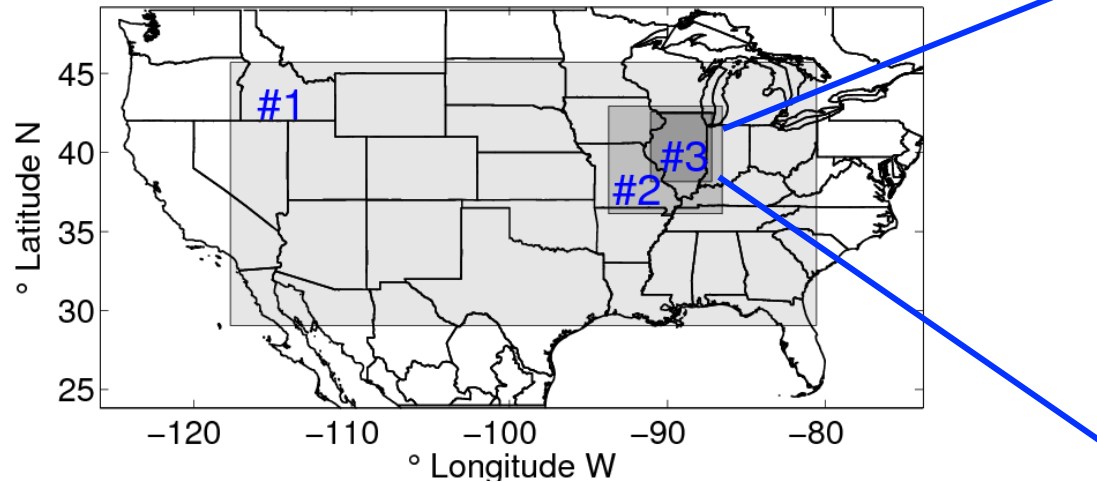
| CPU's | Wall-time [hr] |
|-------|----------------|
| 4 | 50 |
| 8 | 28 |
| 16 | 17 |
| 32 | 10 |

Jazz Cluster at Argonne National Laboratory

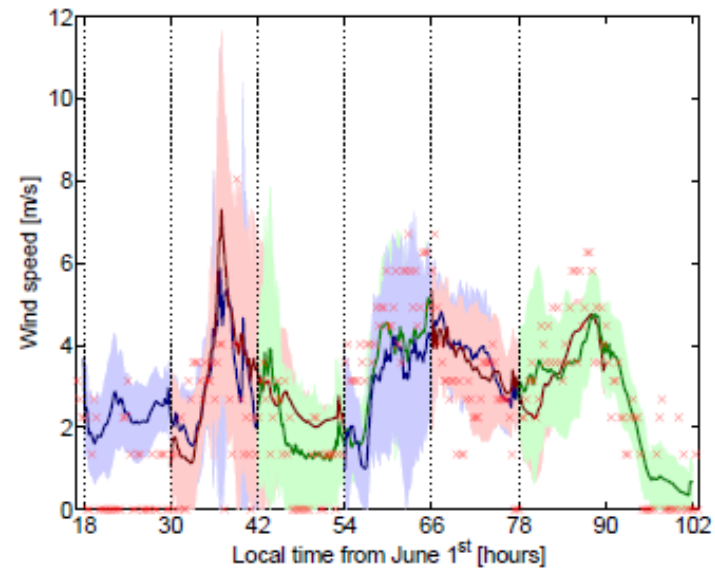
- ✓ Illinois [2km]: 500 processors
- □ US [2 km]: ~50,000 processors
- □ US [1 km]: ~400,000 processors

Uncertainty Quantification

Validation Results (Illinois, 2006) with NOAA Data

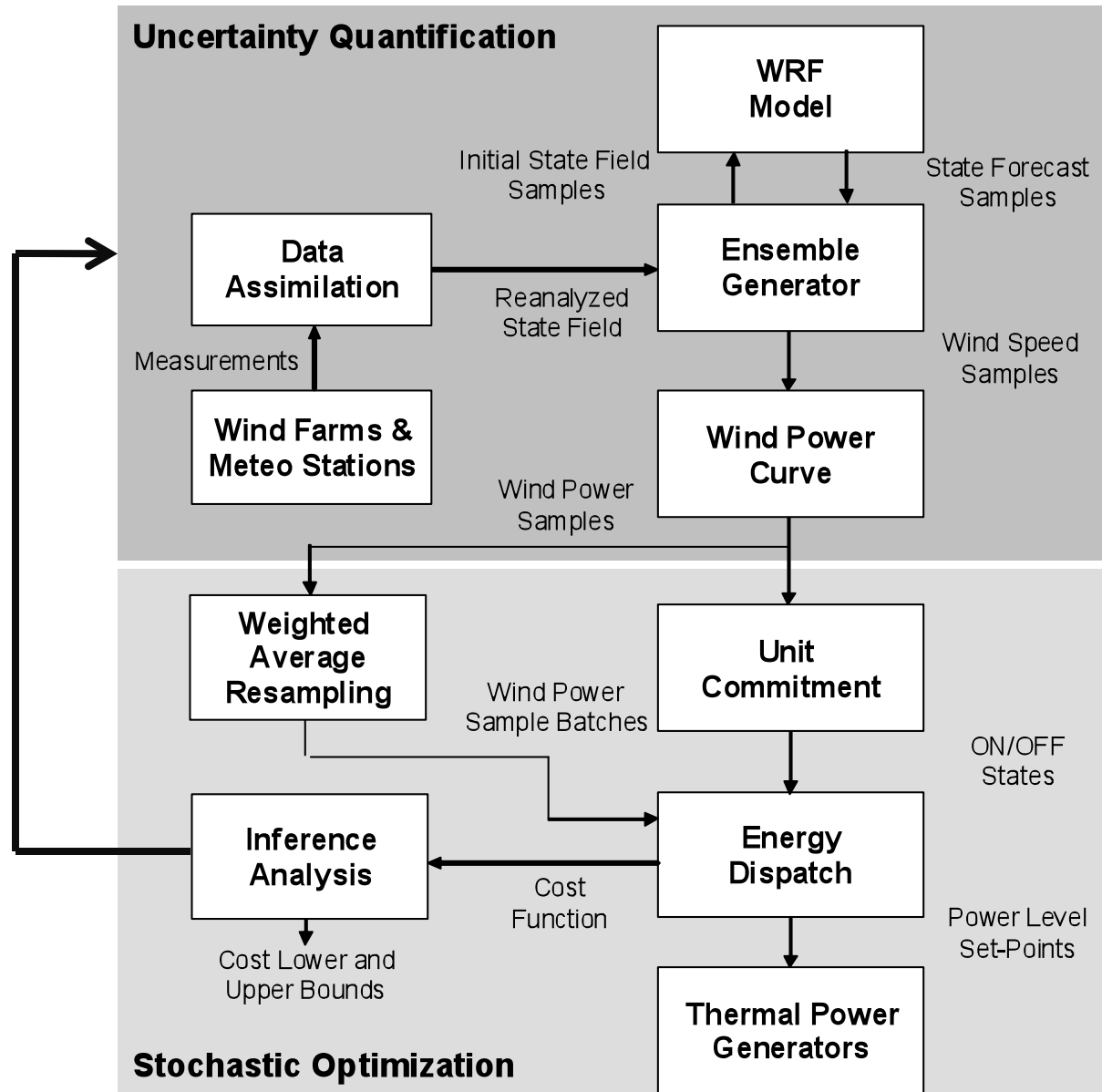


Temperature [°C]



Wind Speed [m/s]

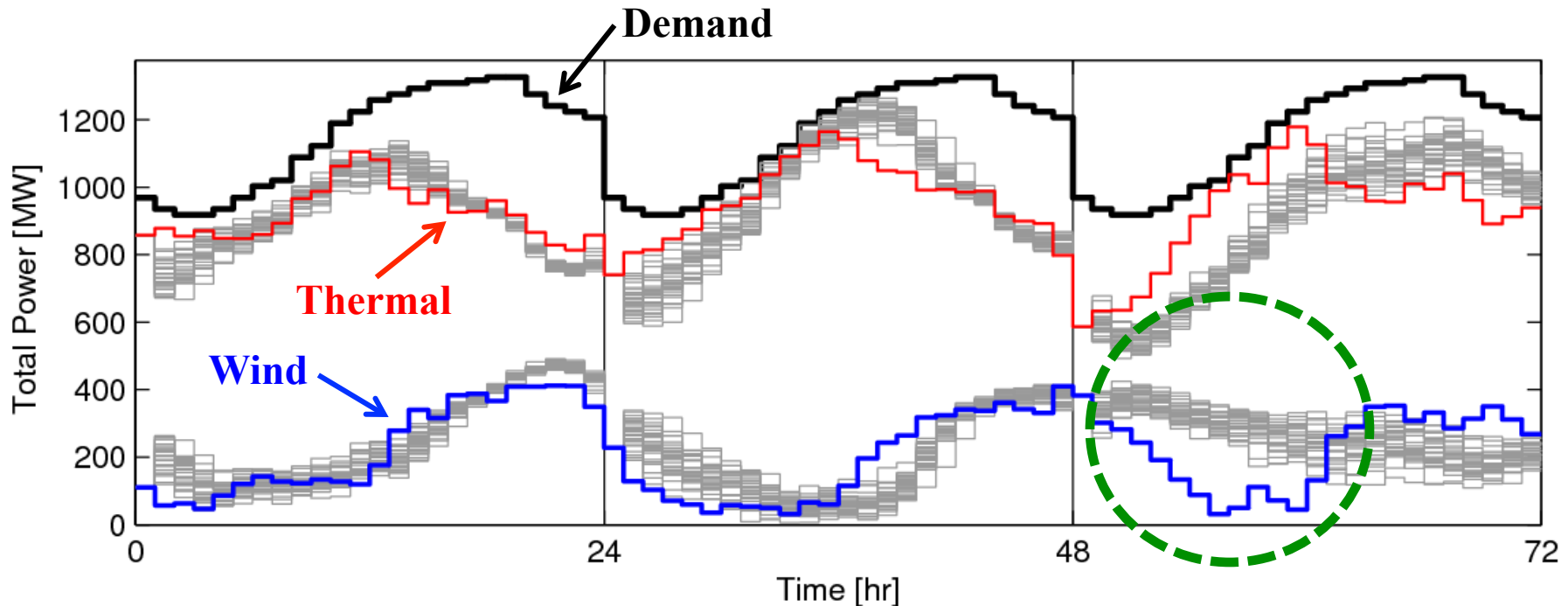
Stochastic Optimization and Uncertainty Q



Key: Probability Distribution and Number of Samples Must be Adapted in Real-Time

Stochastic Optimization and Uncertainty Q

Aggregated Power Profiles -Validation with Real Data-



- WRF Forecasts are -In General- Accurate with Tight Uncertainty Bounds

- Inference Analysis Reveals that 30 WRF Samples are Sufficient

Cost ~ \$474,000, Upper Bound σ^2 (1,082 \$²), Lower Bound σ^2 (1,656 \$²)

- Excursions Do Occur: Probability Distribution of 3rd Day is Inaccurate!

Higher Frequency Data Assimilation (1 hour)? Missing Physics? 100m Sensors?

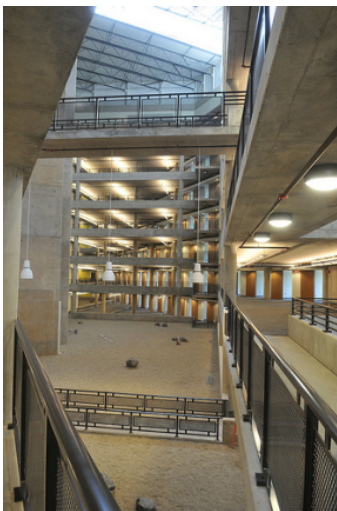
Key Area: Real-Time Algorithms for Data Assimilation

Building Energy Management

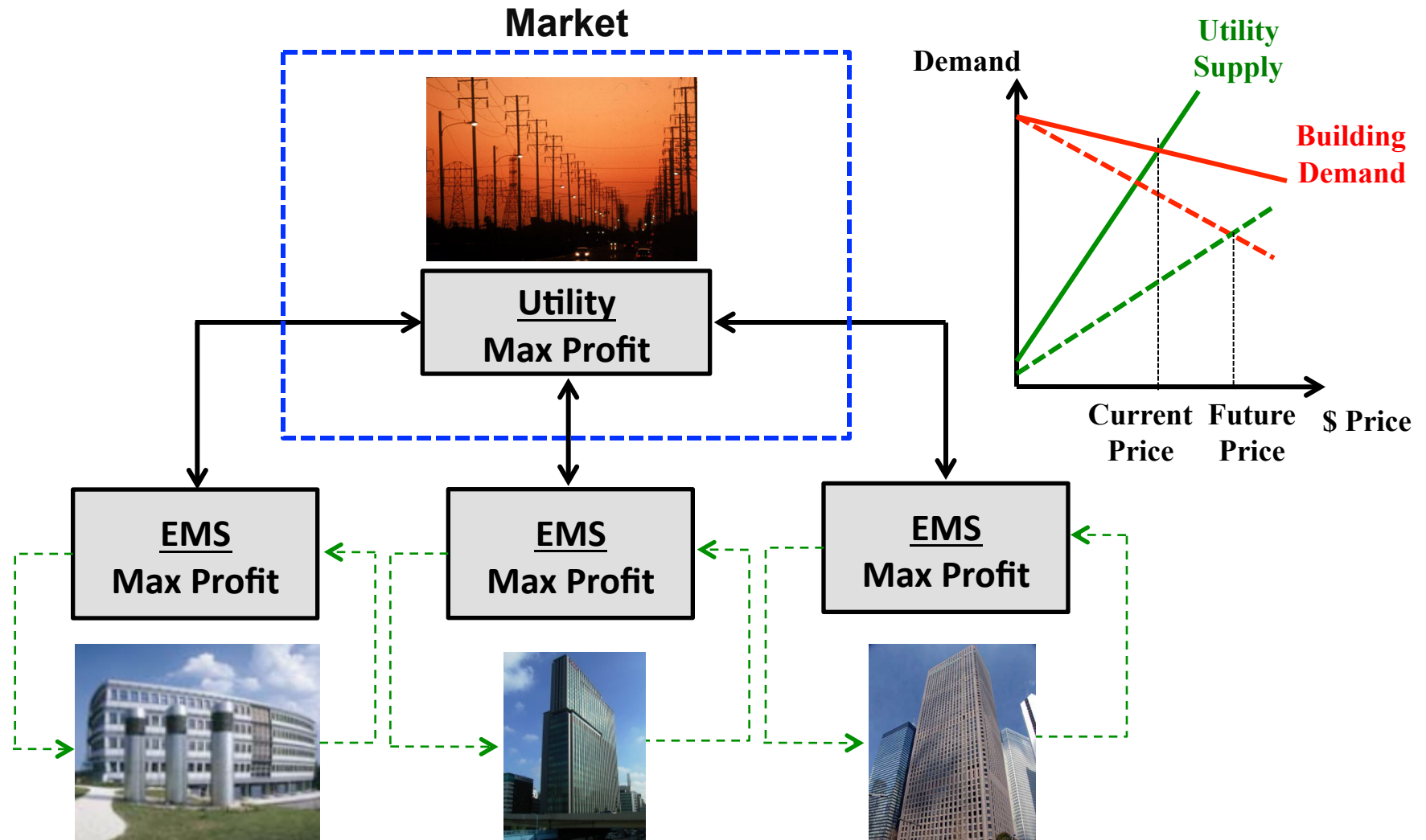


Collaborative Project: Argonne-Building IQ “Proactive Energy Management for Building Systems”

Mike Zimmermann, Tom Celinski, Peter Dickinson (BIQ), and Victor M. Zavala (ANL)



Building Energy Management



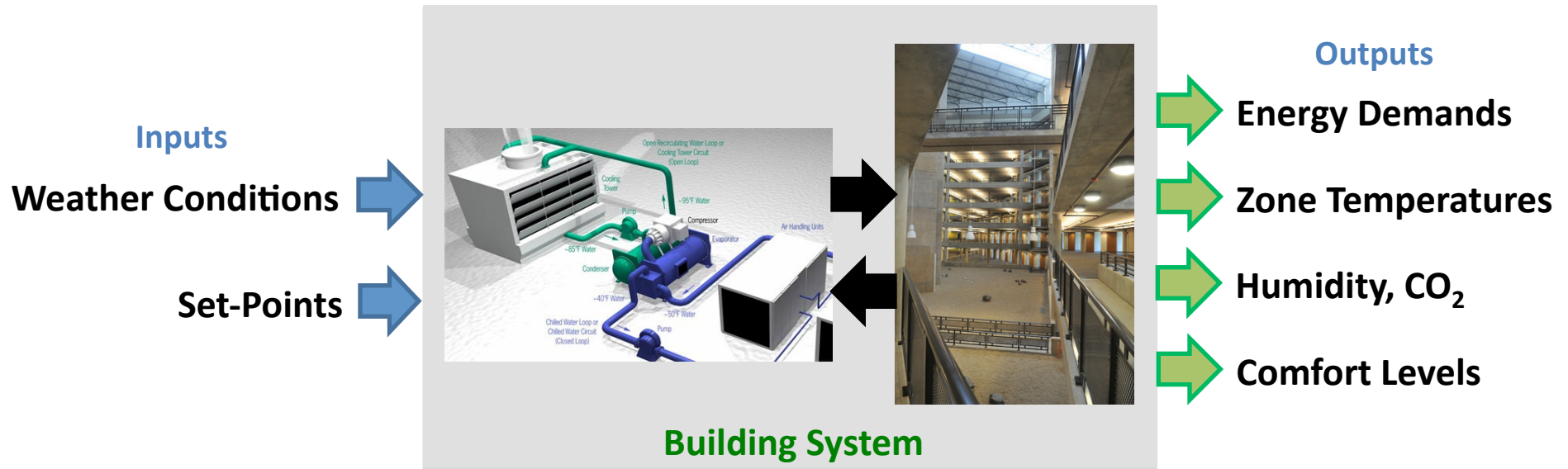
~ 50% of U.S. Energy Resources -Gas, Electricity- Go to HVAC

EMS Needs to Forecast & Optimize Demand as a Function of Weather and Market Prices

Management of New Technologies (Batteries, PHEVs, Photovoltaic, Demand-Response)

Building Energy Management

Machine Learning Model



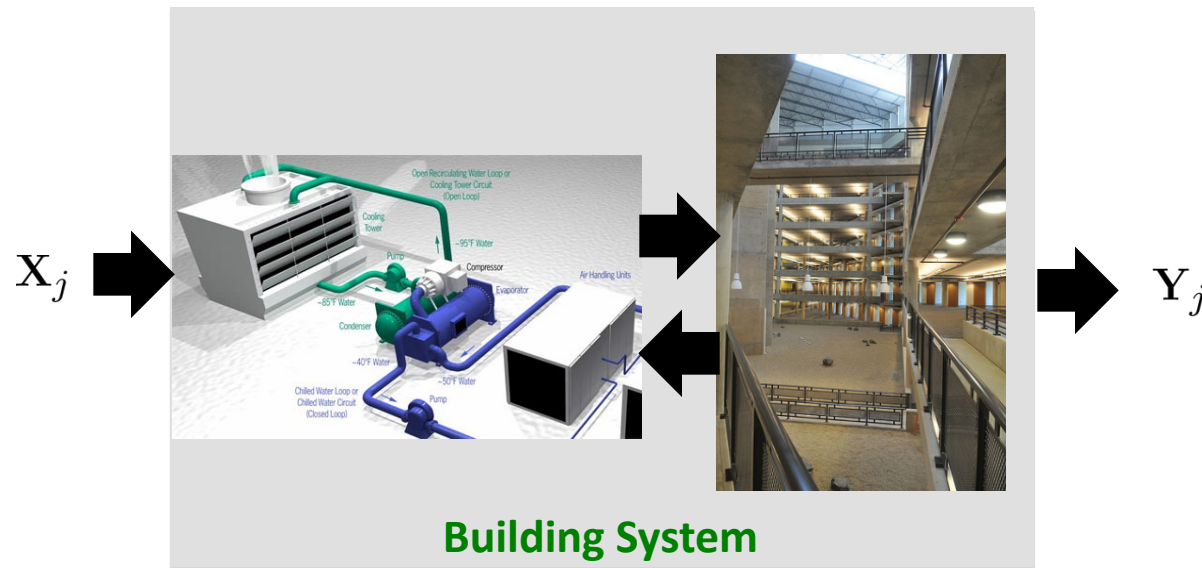
- **Real-Time Optimal Control Problem with Machine Learning Model -NLP-**
Solved Every 10 Minutes, Foresight of 2 Hours
Building Model Re-Trained Daily
Machine Learning Key for Large-Scale and Cheap Deployment
- **Trade-Off:** Comfort vs. Energy Demands vs. CO₂ emissions
- **Exploit Sensor Information:** Occupant Tracking, Disaggregate Demands

Occupant Tracking, TCS Building at Argonne *Skow, Domagala, Cattlet. 2010*



Machine Learning

Gaussian Process (GP) Modeling *Rasmussen, et.al. 2001*



1. Input-Output Data Sets: X_j, Y_j

2. Covariance Structure : $V(X_j, X_i, \eta) := \eta_0 + \eta_1 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\eta_2} \|X_j - X_i\|^2\right)$

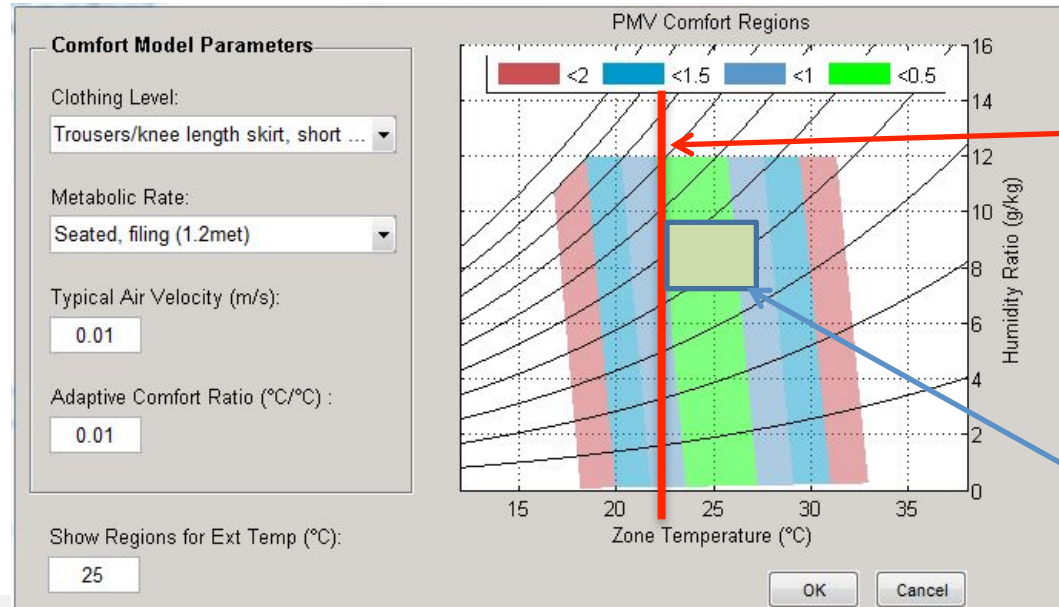
3. Apply Maximum Likelihood: $\log p(Y|\eta) = -\frac{1}{2} Y V^{-1}(X, X, \eta) Y - \frac{1}{2} \log \det(V(X, X, \eta))$

4. Posterior Distribution: $Y^P = V(X^P, X, \eta^*) V^{-1}(X, X, \eta^*) Y$ **Forecast Mean**

$V^P = V(X^P, X^P, \eta^*) - V(X^P, X, \eta^*) V^{-1}(X, X, \eta^*) V(X, X^P, \eta^*)$ **Covariance**

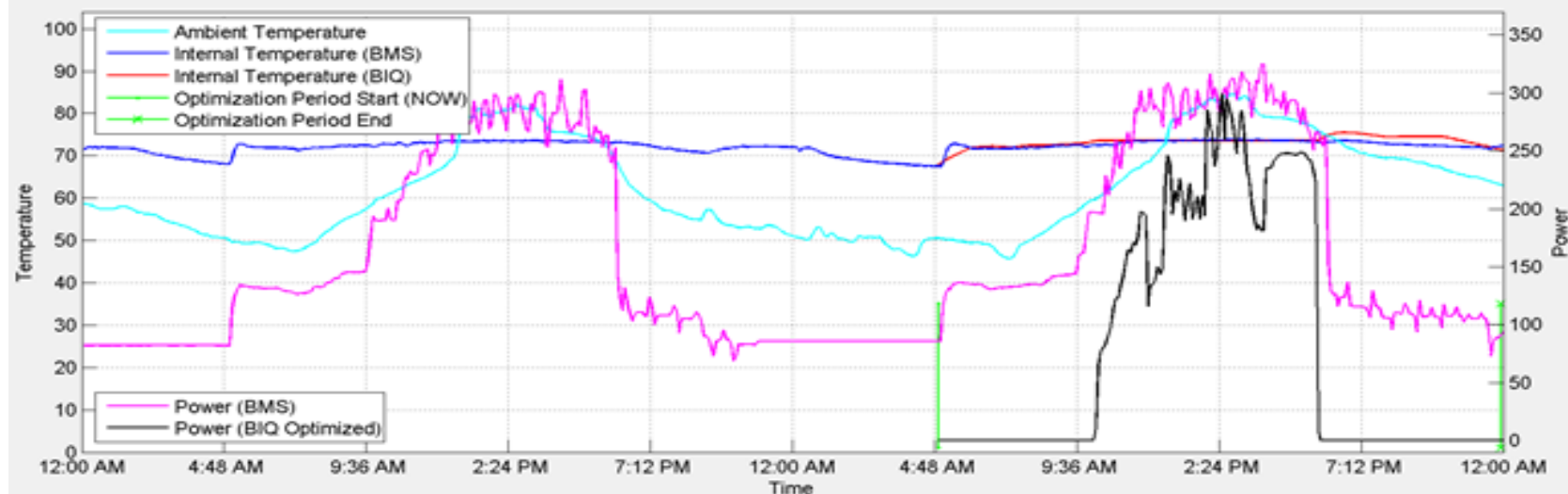
Key Challenge: Handling Covariance Matrix -Large, Nonlinear, and Dense-

Building Energy Management



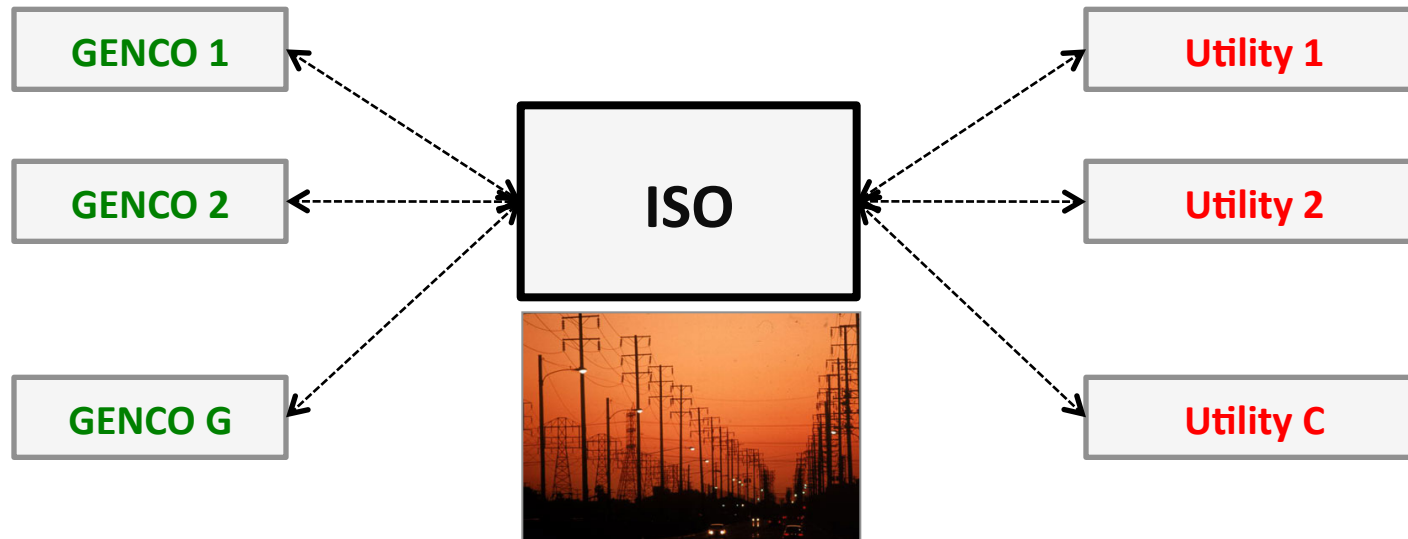
Fixed set-point

Comfort Zone Exploitation

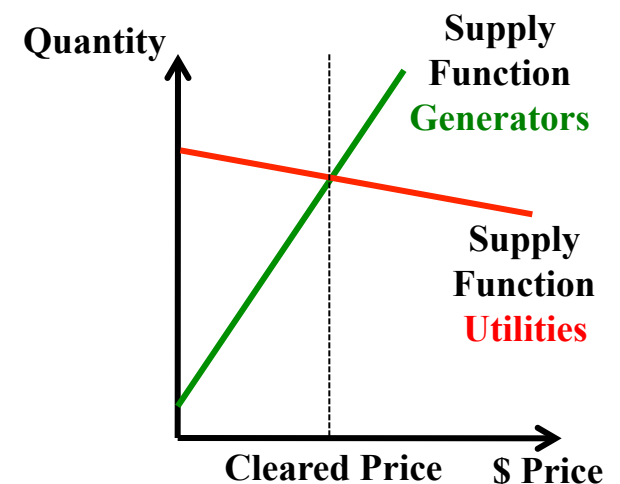
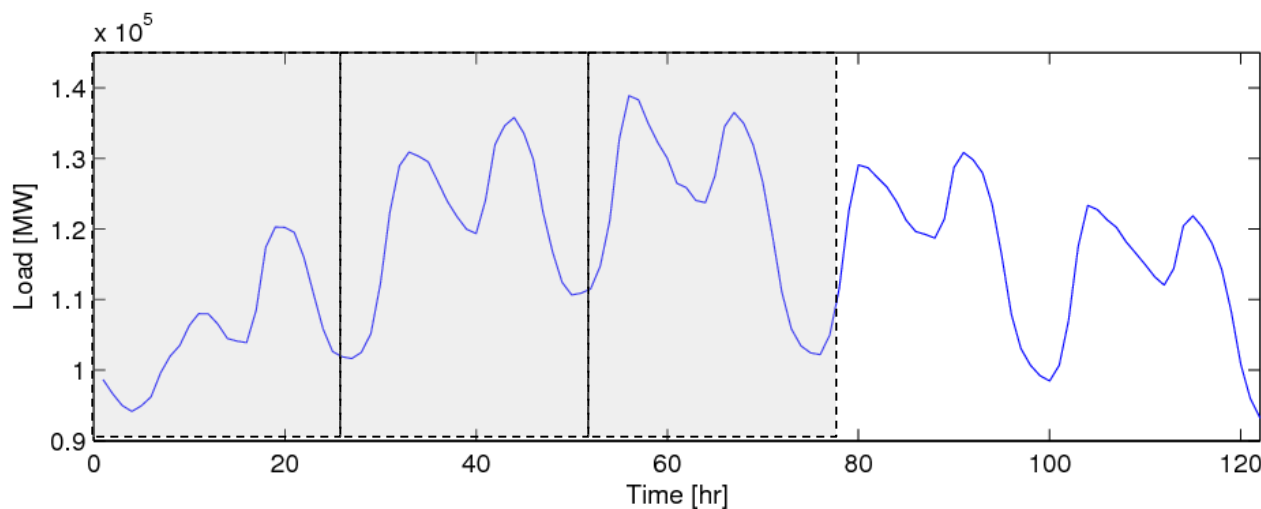


BuildingIQ EMS Implemented at Argonne's TCS Building
Expected Yearly Savings of ~30% on HVAC Energy – \$O(10⁵)

Dynamic Electricity Markets



- GENCOs and Utilities Bid in Day-Ahead and Real-Time Markets
- ISO Clears Markets To Maximize Social Welfare



Generator States are Propagated in Time – Ramps and Foresight Affect Market Stability

Dynamic Electricity Markets

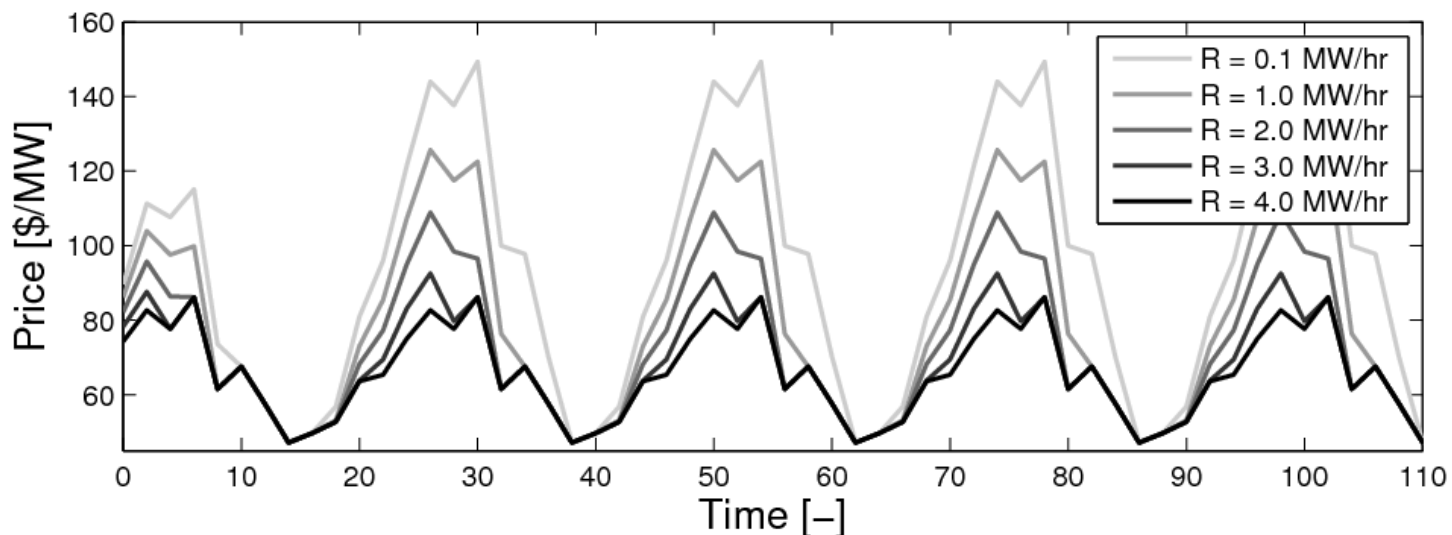
Supply Function-Based Dynamic Game Models *Kannan & Z., 2010*

- Linear Complementarity Problem: Economic Dispatch (LP) + GENCOs (LP)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \max_{a_i^t, b_i^t, q_i^t} \sum_{t=1}^T \left(\left(\frac{q_i^t + a_i^t}{b_i^t} \right) q_i(t) - C_i(q_i(t)) \right) \\
 & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} s.t. \\ q_i^t \leq cap_i^t \\ q_i^{t+1} - q_i^t \leq R_i^t \\ \frac{q_i^t + a_i^t}{b_i^t} = \frac{c^t + \sum_{i=1}^N a_i^t}{d^t + \sum_{i=1}^N b_i^t} \\ q_i^t \geq 0 \end{array} \right\}, \forall t = 1, 2, \dots, T
 \end{aligned}$$

$\forall i = 1, \dots, P$
Players
Horizon

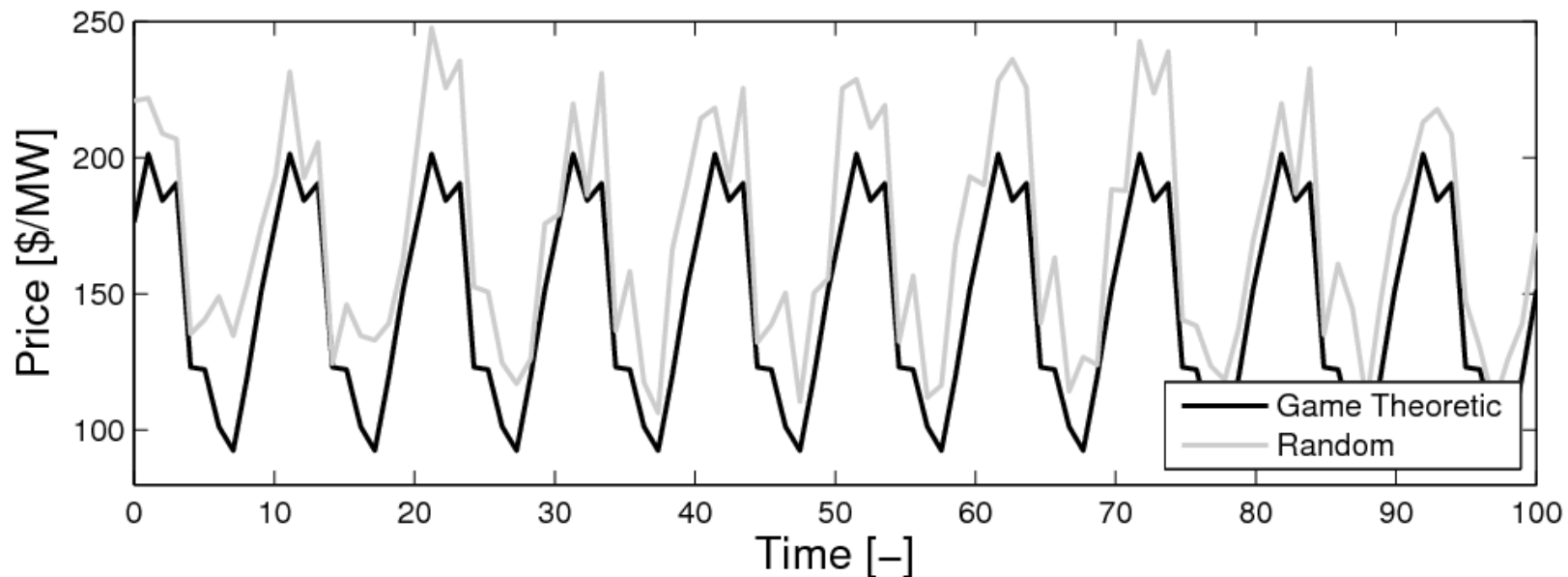
Effect of Ramp Constraints on Market Equilibrium



Dynamic Electricity Markets

Identifying Non-Gaming Behavior

Some Players -Intentionally or Unintentionally- Bid Suboptimally
Introduces Noise in Equilibrium – Can be Inferred from Data



Huge Potential for Dynamic Market Models

- Mechanistic Price Forecasting, Interconnect Level Transactions
- Fundamental -Market Stability- and Algorithmic Questions -Incomplete Gaming-
- Extensions to Integers Needed: Unit Commitment + GENCOs Problems, Interconnects



3. Conclusions

Conclusions

Next-Generation Power Grid

- Higher Frequency Dynamic Forcings
- Market Decentralization
- Huge Savings -Emissions, Prices-

Optimization Needs

- Distributed Algorithms for Games (LP/QP,MILP)
- Fast Algorithms for Machine Learning and Data Assimilation
- Capturing Physics in Markets – AC Power Flow, NLP, MI(N)LP
- Linear Algebra : Fine-Grained Parallelism, Alternatives to Simplex and Barrier
- Realistic Models and Testing (Closed-Loop) for Benchmarking

Other Areas

- Integration of Electricity, Water, and Natural Gas Markets *Shahidehpour, et.al. 2009*
- Sensor Design, Placement, and Observability - Grid, Buildings –
- Contingency Analysis *Pinar, et.al. 2010*

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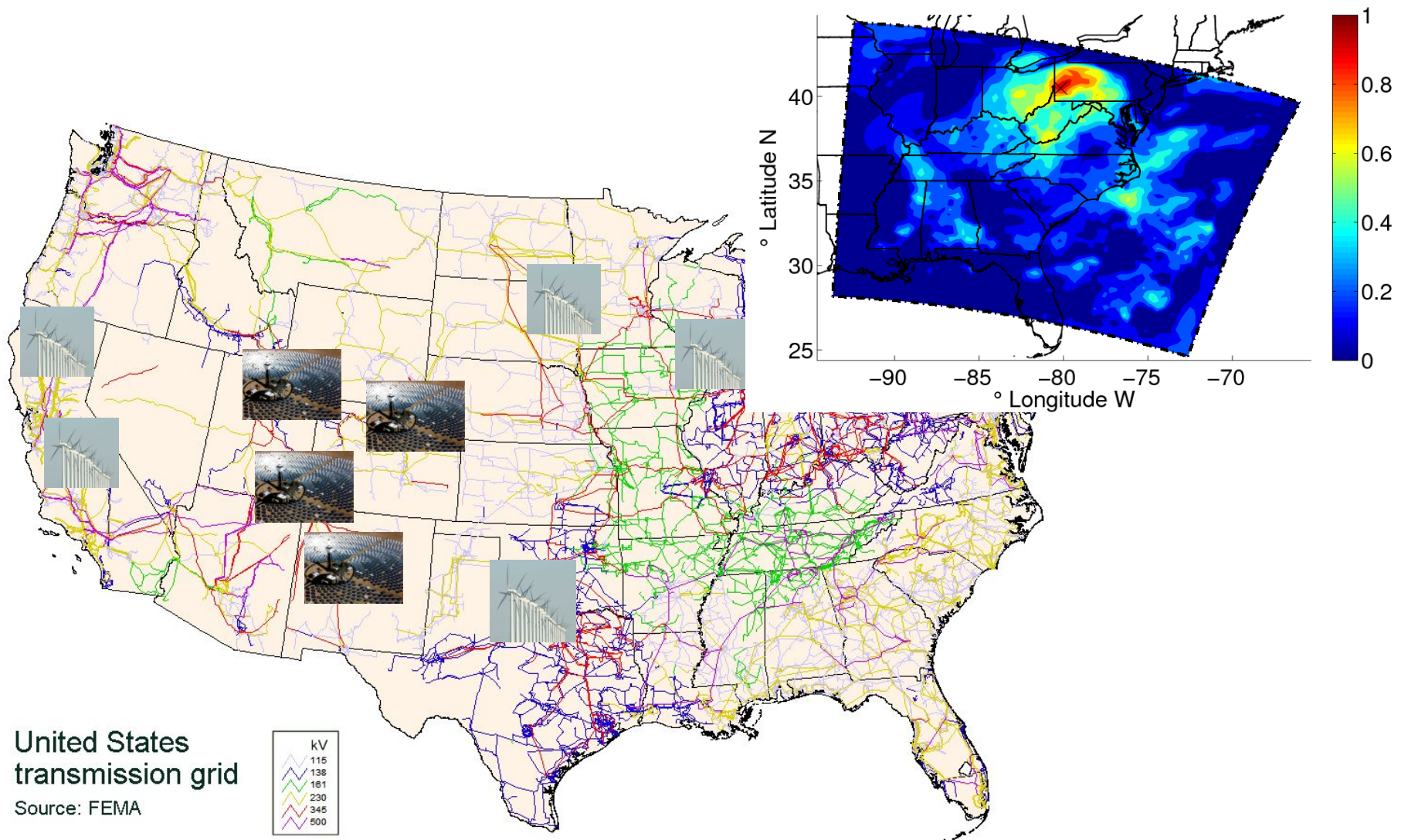
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Motivation



Weather, Demands, and Generation Exhibit Complex Spatio-Temporal Correlations

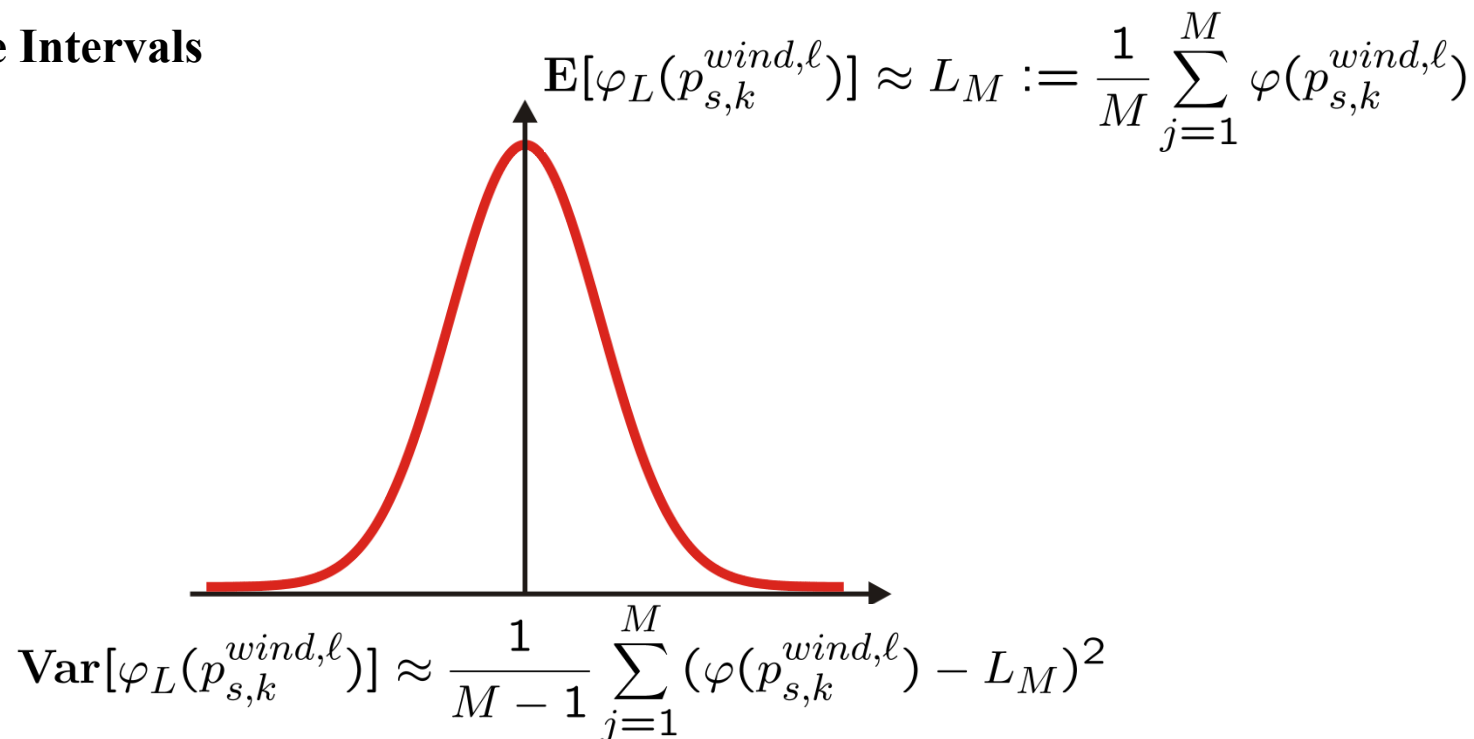
Correlations Must Be Captured For Efficient Forecasting

Inference Analysis

Integration Uncertainty Quantification and Stochastic Optimization

- Forecast Probability Distribution is NOT in Closed-Form
- Generating Each Sample is Expensive : 50-100 Practical

Cost Confidence Intervals

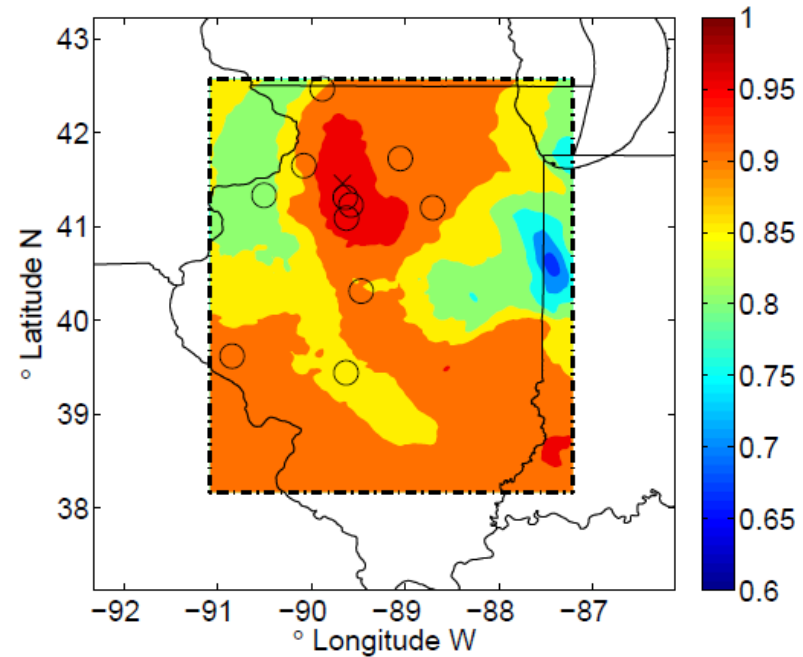
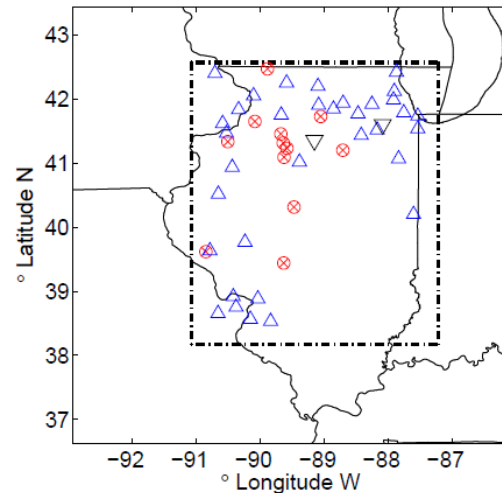


How to Generate More Samples?

- 1) Sample Weights on Hyperplane $\sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} w_{s,\ell} = 1$ and Compute $p_{s,j,k}^{wind,\ell} = \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} w_{s,\ell} \cdot p_{s,j,k}^{wind}$
- 2) Solve Stochastic Problem with M Batches of Realizations

Stochastic Optimization and Uncertainty Q

Illinois Study -Wind Adoption 20%-



Wind Power Profiles

